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Lisa Lewis Volusia County Supervisor of Elections 125 W. New York Avenue DeLand, Florida 32720

Dear Supervisor Lewis:

This year for the first time, Florida Conservation Voters Education Fund (FCVEF) engaged in the voter registration process as a Third Party Voter Registration Organization (3PVRO 18-06), in Volusia County and elsewhere in Florida. We proudly collected more than 28,000 registrations in Leon, Escambia, Volusia, Seminole and Brevard counties.

Unfortunately, last week we discovered that quality control staff in our Volusia office had been instructed by their manager – against FCVEF policy and staff training – to hold approximately 224 problematic voter registration forms collected in Volusia rather than timely filing them with your office.

We obtained these forms and have completed an internal audit. The audit revealed that the forms had been collected in Volusia between May 10 and July 27, 2018. Quality control staff originally flagged the forms for the following reasons:

- Unchecked responses to items 1 through 3 on the form or other missing information such as a phone number (approximately 85 forms)
- Questionable handwriting, suggesting that the canvasser may have filled out the form for the registrant or provided false information (approximately 42 forms)
- Incorrect or missing date (approximately 4 forms)
- Other or unknown reasons (approximately 93 forms)

The problem forms were collected by 15 canvassers, all of whom have been terminated as FCVEF employees. Upon completing the audit, FCVEF also immediately terminated employment of the manager who directed staff, against our policy and his training, to hold rather than submit the forms.

In addition, FCVEF has ceased voter registration operations in Volusia for the remainder of this year so that we can reassess our program, management structure, and training protocols.

Florida Conservation Voters Education Fund is dedicated to voter registration for eligible citizens of Florida, and we are very proud of the work that we have done. We deeply regret that, of the 28,000 registration forms we collected, the 224 forms described above were not filed in a timely manner. We take our voter registration responsibilities seriously and I am happy to provide any additional information and answer any questions that you may have. My email address is <a href="mailto:aliki@fcvedfund.org">aliki@fcvedfund.org</a> and my cell phone is (850) 443-7609.

Thank you,

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**Executive Director** 

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